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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 7588

SECDEF FLASH

CINCPAC FLASH

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD NIACT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI NIACT IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SECDEF: FOR DIRNSA (FORT MEADE, MD)

CINCPAC: FOR POLAD: CP (H.M. SMITH, HI)

ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI, TEHRAN: ALSO FOR USDAOs

E.G. 11682: N/A

THOS: ASEC, PINS, AF

SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

REF: KABUL 3233

1. AT 1905, THE MUSIC OF RADIO AFGHANISTAN STOPPED FOR A
MESSAGE READ BY A COL. QADER. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF A COLONEL
BOLAM BATAKAR, LEADER OF THE "MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND

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OF THE AFGHAN MILITARY FORCES," QADER ANNOUNCED THAT "FOR THE

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FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF AFGHANISTAN, AND END HAS BEEN
PUT TO THE SULTANATE OF THE MOHAMMADZAIS." COMMENT: THE
MOHAMMADZAI FAMILY HAS BEEN IN CONTROL OF AFGHANISTAN FOR
ABOUT 150 YEARS. END COMMENT. QADER ENDED HIS STATEMENT WITH
CLAIM: "ALL POWER HAS PASSED TO THE HANDS OF THE MASSES."
COMMENT: THE PERSIAN WORD FOR MASSES IS KHOLQ, THE NAME OF
AFGHANISTAN'S COMMUNIST PARTY. END COMMENT.

2. BY 1920, A PAIR OF PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORCES
IN FRONT OF OUR EMBASSY ASKED TO TALK TO EMBASSY OFFICERS.
EMBASSY OFFICER WENT TO THE GATE AND WERE SIMPLY ASKED
WHETHER EVERYTHING INSIDE THE EMBASSY WAS IN ORDER. ASSURED
THAT IT WAS, THE PARTY DEPARTED.
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